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SUBJECT: MEAT INSPECTION

1. THE GERMAN MINISTRY OF HEALTH SUSPECTS THAT PORK LIVERS AND BEEF TONGUES FROM THE UNITED STATES HAVE BEEN IMPORTED ILLEGALLY, I.E. IN SPITE OF THE FACT THAT NO U.S. ESTABLISHMENTS ARE CERTIFIED FOR EXPORT TO THE FRG. AFTER PROLONGED REVIEW, THE MINISTRY HAS NOW WARNED THE STATE VETERINARY OFFICIALS AND ALSO REFERRED THE MATTER TO THE COMPETENT CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES.

2. COMMENT: TRADERS ARE SPECULATING REGARDING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF SUCH ACTION. THEY BELIEVE THAT IT WILL NOT STOP IMPORTS OF U.S. PRODUCT DECLARED AS E.G. OF BELGIAN ORIGIN, RE-BOXED OR IN CRYOVAC BAGS, THE INDIVIDUAL ORGANS BEARING NO STAMP; AND THE SHIPMENT BEING ACCOMPANIED BY PROPER EC CERTIFICATE OF WHOLESOMENESS SIGNED BY A BELGIAN VETERINARIAN. HOWEVER, THE MAJOR GERMAN BUYER OF U.S. OFFALS INFORMED US THAT ALL THE LIVERS AND TONGUES ARE STAMPED. THEREFORE, HE IS ANTICIPATING A DRASTIC REDUCTION OF IMPORTS IN CASE A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION IS MADE.

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